



**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 2163**  
Docket No.: 1619.1016

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Jun IBUKI, et al.

Serial No. 10/028,423

Group Art Unit: 2163

Confirmation No. 4360

Filed: December 28, 2001

Examiner: Cheryl M. SHECHTMAN

For: QUERIES-AND-RESPONSES PROCESSING METHOD, QUERIES-AND-RESPONSES  
PROCESSING PROGRAM, QUERIES-AND-RESPONSES PROCESSING PROGRAM  
RECORDING MEDIUM, AND QUERIES-AND-RESPONSES PROCESSING  
APPARATUS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted for filing with an RCE being filed concurrently herewith. This Preliminary Amendment, further, is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed July 12, 2006, and the Advisory Action mailed December 7, 2006. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to January 12, 2006.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.